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To promote the goal of rehabilitation, it is essential that all juveniles housed within our camps and halls have regular access to communication and visitation with their families or guardians. This communication is a key process in family reunification, and telephones are one method of communication for many of these juveniles.

Often the costly alternative of using pay telephones in our halls and camps becomes a prohibitive burden on families and precludes the ability of these juveniles to remain in contact with their parents and loved ones. In order to insure that all juveniles have the ability to maintain these critical contacts, the Probation Department should develop a policy of providing cost-free telephone access for all juveniles in our custody and care.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Chief Probation Officer:

1. Formulate a policy which clearly defines the rights of juveniles detained in our facilities to secure cost-free access to and usage of telephones in order to promote communication with their families.; and
2. Report back to the Board within 30 days with this written policy and plans for policy implementation.

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